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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 364, on H. Res. 333, I was in my Congressional District on official business. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 364, I voted and left the Chamber. However, my vote did not register, and I was not aware of that until the vote was over. Had my vote been recorded, it would have been "yea."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Madam Speaker, personal business prevents me from being present for legislative business scheduled for today, Monday, July 11, 2005. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H. Con. Res. 168, a resolution condemning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the abductions and continued captivity of citizens of the Republic of Korea and Japan as acts of terrorism and gross violations of human rights (rollcall No. 363); and "yea" on H. Res. 333, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a "National Weekend of Prayer and Reflection for Darfur, Sudan" (rollcall No. 364).

#### ECONOMIC GROWTH: POLICIES OF REDUCING TAXATION AND LESSENING REGULATION WORK

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, today we are all returning from what has been a glorious July 4 celebration in our home communities, looking at what makes America great. And I was so pleased to pick up a stack of papers and leaf back through them, and I found an article of interest in the business section of The Washington Post, and the headline caught my attention: "Economic Growth, Tax Receipts Combine to Reduce Deficit."

We all know The Post is generally not our friend, but it goes on to state that the deficit will be as much as \$100 billion lower than the official forecasts and previous forecasts. Jobs growth is up 3.8 percent, as opposed to what they thought would be the estimate, 3.5 percent. Tax receipts are up.

It just goes to prove, Madam Speaker, that the policies of reducing taxation, lessening regulation work are revitalizing, stimulating the economy.

I commend our leadership for the tax reductions and look forward to more positive headlines.

#### DEFEAT THIS CAFTA AND RENEGOTIATE A CAFTA THAT WORKS

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), majority leader and the most powerful Republican Member of Congress, promised last year that we would vote on the Central America Free Trade Agreement. December 31 came and went. He promised we would vote on it by Memorial Day; we did not. He promised we would vote on it by July 4; we did not. Now the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) promises that CAFTA will come before us by the end of the month.

The reason we have not voted on the Central America Free Trade Agreement, the reason it has been 13 months longer than any trade agreement in years, is that Republicans and Democrats, business and labor, food safety advocates, environmentalists, and religious leaders think the Central America Free Trade Agreement is a bad idea.

Defeat this CAFTA. Let us renegotiate a CAFTA that works for small farmers and ranchers and small business and workers and environmentalists and religious leaders in all seven CAFTA countries including ours.

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#### STANDING STRONG IN THE WAR ON TERROR

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the tragic and reprehensible bombings in London last Thursday show the world once again just how vigilant we must be in protecting our citizens and continuing to fight terrorism wherever it leads.

This is a war unlike any we have ever seen, and victory will require greater resolve than we have ever mustered. The lack of human decency shown by terrorists proves that they will stop at nothing to kill innocent people in an attempt to strike fear in the hearts of us all.

However, terrorists are mistaken if they think cowardly actions will shake the resolve of those nations fighting the war on terror, and they are mistaken if they think people will see them for anything other than the evil terrorists they are.

As our friends in England begin the healing process, rest assured that we in America will stand by them. We will fight, side-by-side, together, as we have done before, in this war on terror, and, as the President has said, we will not falter and we will not fail.

May God bless England and continue to bless the United States of America.

#### YOUTH AND VITALITY DEMONSTRATED IN YOUTH OF GREEN ACRES BAPTIST CHURCH

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, the London bombings were indeed tragic. They bring us back to what really matters. We saw the resolve of the British people after the attack. Life would go on.

Here in America, we have been so deeply blessed, and just as the words above the Speaker's head say, in God we do trust. I have been reminded today why we do what we do; why we try to make a difference, why we push on and try to make this a better place.

There are 144 members of my church, my youth choir and sponsors, that have come in today, and with the vitality, the youth, the enthusiasm, the wanting to make a difference, it lifts me up, and I would encourage all of you to be lifted up by the hope that springs eternal in their breasts.

Mr. Speaker, God has blessed America, and with the youth and vitality as demonstrated in Green Acres Baptist Church, I know that we will in the future be blessed by God.

#### PROGRESS BEING MADE AT BLOWING ROCK ART & HISTORY MUSEUM

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the progress being made at the Blowing Rock Art & History Museum in Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and to pay my respects to a prominent artist who resided in my district.

For over 6 years, a small group of art and history lovers have been working diligently to plan for a new museum in Blowing Rock. The idea for the museum was inspired by a generous gift of outstanding original oils, pastels, water colors and line drawings created by one of North Carolina's most famous artists, Elliott Daingerfield.

Daingerfield moved from North Carolina to New York City following the Civil War. However, western North Carolina remained a special place to him. He continually spent his summers painting and teaching art classes in Blowing Rock.

Daingerfield went on to become a highly successful artist. His work is displayed in museums in New York, Washington, St. Louis, Augusta, Raleigh, Savannah and Charleston. I am pleased that his work will soon be on display in the Fifth District once the Blowing Rock Art and History Museum opens in a few years.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUHLMAN of New York). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4,